

**In the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 to 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method of treating diseased, injured or abnormal bone at a site of desired bone growth comprising the step of applying to said site [[a]] an injectable composition comprising an effective amount of a mixture of hyaluronic acid, growth factor bFGF and excipients to maintain biological activity of said factor, said composition being sufficient to enhance bone growth rate and magnitude and having a viscosity and biodegradability sufficient to persist at said site for a period of time sufficient to enhance said bone growth rate and magnitude.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 21 wherein said bFGF is present in a range of about  $10^{-6}$  to 100 mg/ml in said composition.